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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to information regarding unlawful evictions

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-138 to read as follows:

§ 21-138 Information regarding unlawful evictions. a. For the purposes of this section, the term “rental subsidy” means financial assistance provided by the department for the purpose of paying a recipient’s rent on an ongoing basis. The term “rental subsidy” includes but is not limited to the public assistance shelter allowance provided by the department as established by section 131-a of the social services law and defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of section 352.3 of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations, as well as subsidies provided through the living in communities rental assistance program, the city family eviction prevention supplement program and the city family exit plan supplement, the city special exit and prevention supplement, the home tenant-based rental assistance program, and any successor program to the foregoing programs.

b. The department shall provide a written notice to each individual who applies for a rental subsidy for housing that is subject to section 26-521 of the code. The notice shall be provided upon the initial application or approval for such rental subsidy and at any time the department determines to be appropriate for such subsidy, except such notice may be provided in electronic form to any individual who registers electronic contact

information with the department and elects to receive such notices in electronic form. Such notice shall inform individuals of the protections of section 26-521 of the code regarding eviction, and may include additional information as determined by the department.

c. Receipt of such notice shall not be construed to confer the protections set forth in section 26-521 of the code.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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